

INFRASTRUCTURE & ENERGY

A benchmark in infrastructure and energy with innovative and strategic legal solutions

Our Infrastructure & Energy practice operates in an integrated and multidisciplinary manner, collaborating with several practices within the firm, offering comprehensive and strategic legal solutions. With extensive experience in project finance, we provide legal services on complex and structured transactions, including projects linked to federal programs such as the New PAC and PIL.

We deal with all kinds of agents in the electric power sector, including energy generation, transmission, distribution, trading, and consumption, assisting clients in M&A transactions, project development (greenfield and brownfield), financing, regulatory matters, and administrative and judicial litigation.

We focus on providing consultancy on renewable energy projects, such as wind, solar, biomass, biomethane, and green hydrogen. We also provide assistance in the development of projects with public entities at all levels of government, from modeling to managing concession contracts and public-private partnerships.

We have a wide expertise interfacing with regulatory agencies and oversight bodies, such as Audit Courts, and have actively participated in major privatizations and concessions since the 1990s, with a strong presence in the transportation, logistics, energy, oil and gas, sanitation, and telecommunications sectors.

RECOGNITION

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Legal 500
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MAIN SERVICES

- Advisory services for M&As and projects in the electricity sector.
- Regulatory consulting and administrative/judicial litigation in the energy sector.
- Support for renewable energy projects (wind, solar, biomass, biomethane).
- Structuring of project finance and structured financing.
- Modeling of concessions and PPPs with public entities.
- Structuring of privatizations and bidding processes.
- Liaising with regulatory agencies and Audit Courts.
- Working on infrastructure projects in transportation, energy, sanitation, and telecommunications.

EXPERIENCE

NEOENERGIA: Sale, by Neoenergia to the GIC group, of 50% equity interest in Neoenergia Transmissora 15 SPE S.A. (with 8 operating transmission assets), which should work as an investment platform between Neoenergia and the GIC group. The parties also entered into a development agreement for future business opportunities in the power transmission sector.

RED ELÉCTRICA (REDEIA), GRUPO ENERGÍA DE BOGOTÁ, and ARGO ENERGIA: Advising on the acquisition, by Grupo Energía de Bogotá and Argo Energia (owned by Grupo Redeia and Grupo Energía de Bogotá), of 100% controlling interest in 5 energy transmission concessionaires owned by Quantum/Brookfield Group.

RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPANIES: Advising several players in the power generation sector, such as Atlas Renewable, Riacho da Serra, and Auren Energia, on transactions involving the acquisition and sale of wind and solar power plants in Brazil.

FDN (FINANCEIRA DE DESENVOLVIMENTO NACIONAL): Advising FDN on matters related to the potential sale of ISA to Ecopetrol. ISA holds several transmission assets in Brazil through CTEEP and TAESA. The transaction had a political component, as it represented a sale of assets by the Colombian government.

OTPP: Advising the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan on the acquisition of a controlling stake in Evoltz, as well as all Eletronorte shares in Norte Brasil Transmissora de Energia (NBTE).

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: Legal advice to the Regional Development Department on structuring a post-Covid-19 economic recovery plan for the Federal Government, focused on promoting regional development. The work involved identifying the strategies being adopted in different countries to address the crisis and assessing the suitability of these measures for Brazil.

COPASA: Advising on legal feasibility studies to establish business opportunities for the development of energy projects in the state of Minas Gerais.

MINEIRA DA SORTE LOTERIA SPE: Legal and regulatory advice to international companies operating in the global gaming and lottery market in the bidding process for the concession of the Minas Gerais State Lottery, both traditional and instant.

BRAZIL'S NATIONAL BANK FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (BNDES): Legal assistance in the legal framework for the public-private partnership (PPP) for the construction, equipping, operation, and maintenance of prison complexes in the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina, with a Capex of BRL 149 million.

BRK AMBIENTAL: Legal and regulatory assistance in several regulatory issues inherent to the execution of concession contracts for public water and sewage services.

URENCO: Legal assistance in several bidding processes (international competition) conducted by Indústrias Nucleares do Brasil (INB) for the supply of enriched uranium to the Angra 1 and Angra 2 plants.F8